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[44] [947] [401] Art. 103. It is the duty of every citizen of the Lithuanian SSR to safeguard and fortify public, socialist property as the sacred and inviolable foundation of the Soviet system, as the source of the wealth and might of the country, as the source of the prosperity and culture of all the working people.

Persons committing offences against public, socialist property are enemies of the people.

Art. 104. Universal military service is law.

Military service in the Armed Forces of the USSR is an honourable duty of the citizens of the Lithuanian SSR.

[287] Art. 105. To defend the country is the sacred duty of every citizen of the Lithuanian SSR. Treason to the motherland - violation of the oath of allegiance, desertion to the enemy, impairing the military power of the state, espionage - is punishable with all the severity of the law as the most heinous of crimes.

Chapter IX. The Electoral System

666 Art. 106. Members of all Soviets of Working People's Deputies - of the Supreme Soviet of the Lithuanian SSR and of the district, city, volost, small town and apilinki Soviets of Working People's Deputies - are chosen by the electors on the basis of universal, equal and direct suffrage by secret ballot.

Art. 107. Elections of deputies are universal: all citizens of the Lithuanian SSR who have reached the age of eighteen, irrespective of race or nationality, sex, religion, education, domicile, social origin, property status or past activities, have the right to vote in the election of deputies and to be elected, with the exception of insane persons and persons who have been convicted by a court of law and whose sentences include deprivation of electoral rights.

[144] Every citizen of the Lithuanian SSR who has reached the age of twenty-one is eligible for election to the Supreme Soviet of the Lithuanian SSR, irrespective of race, nationality, sex, religion, education, domicile, social origin, property status or past activities.

Art. 108. Elections of deputies are equal: each citizen has one vote; all citizens participate in elections on an equal footing.

[562] Art. 109. Women have the right to elect and be elected on equal terms with men.

Art. 110. Citizens serving in the Armed Forces of the USSR have the right to elect and be elected on equal terms with all other citizens.

Art. 111. Elections of deputies are direct: all Soviets of Working People's Deputies, from apilinki, volost and city Soviets of Working People's Deputies to the Supreme Soviet of the Lithuanian SSR are elected by the citizens by a direct vote.

Art. 112. Voting at elections of deputies is secret.

Art. 113. Candidates are nominated by election districts.

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66 The right to nominate candidates is secured to public organizations and societies of the working people: Communist Party organizations, trade unions, cooperatives, youth organizations and cultural societies.

Art. 114. It is the duty of every deputy to report to his electors on his work and on the work of his Soviet of Working People's Deputies, and he may be recalled at any time upon decision of a majority of the electors in the manner established by law.

Art. 115. Elections to the Soviets of Working People's Deputies of the Lithuanian SSR are held by election districts on the bases of representation fixed by the Ordinance Concerning Elections to Soviets of Working People's Deputies of the Lithuanian SSR.

Chapter X. Arms, Flag, Capital

18 Art. 116. The state arms of the Lithuanian SSR are a sickle and hammer of gold on a white background in the rays of the rising sun surrounded by ears of grain and oak leaves and with inscriptions in the Lithuanian and Russian languages: "Workers of All Countries, Unite!"

In the upper part of the arms is a five-pointed star and in the lower part, the letters "LTSR".

Art. 117. The state flag of the Lithuanian SSR is of red cloth with a gold sickle and hammer and the gold letters "Lietuvos TSR" in the upper corner near the staff. The ratio of width to length is 1:2.

Art. 118. The capital of the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic is the City of Vilnius.

Chapter XI. Procedure for Amending the Constitution

642 Art. 119. The Constitution of the Lithuanian SSR may be amended only by
(46 decision of the Supreme Soviet of the Lithuanian SSR adopted by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the votes of the Supreme Soviet.

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000 Note: The Russian text from which this translation was made was a typed copy authenticated on June 24, 1948 by Mr. S. Pupeikis, Secretary of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Lithuanian SSR.